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SUBJECT: KOREA AT THE 30TH UNGA; LOBBYING FOR FRIENDLY POSITION

REF: A. STATE 243312; B. STATE 241542(NOTAL); C. STATE 225930

1. AFTER COORDINATING WITH THE UK AND FRENCH EMBASSIES (REF B), AND TOUCHING BASE WITH THE KOREAN EMBASSY, THE BRITISH AND WE TALKED TO THE MFA REGARDING THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UNGA. THE FRENCH EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AND HAS THEREFORE TAKEN NO ACTION.

2. THE BRITISH MADE THEIR APPROACH ON OCTOBER 14 TO THE MFA ACTING DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (YANNOPOULOS). YANNOPOULOS INDICATED TO THE BRITISH THAT THE GREEK DELEGATION HAD BEEN GIVEN CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS BUT WAS TO BE GUIDED BY THE EFFECT ANY GREEK ACTION ON THE KOREAN ITEM MIGHT HAVE ON THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CYPRUS QUESTION. THE BRITISH EMBASSY WAS THEREFORE GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT THE GREEKS BE APPROACHED AGAIN IN NEW YORK WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION. ON SUBSTANCE YANNOPOULOS INDICATED THAT NO FINAL
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POSITION HAD BEEN TAKEN, ALTHOUGH THE MFA WAS FAVORABLY

DISPOSED TO THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AS AMENDED.

3. ON OCTOBER 16 THE CHARGE CALLED ON THE MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS (TZOUNIS) TO DISCUSS THE KOREAN QUESTION. TZOUNIS INFORMED THE CHARGE THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SENT TO THE GREEK DELEGATION IN NEW YORK TO FOLLOW THE WESTERN LEAD WITH RESPECT TO PROCEDURAL MATTERS AND TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. WHEN TZOUNIS INDICATED THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION WERE FOR GREECE TO ABSTAIN IF BOTH RESOLUTIONS CAME TO A VOTE, THE CHARGE REITERATED THE RELEVANT TALKING POINTS FROM REF C AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF DEFEATING THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. IN VIEW OF THIS, TZOUNIS RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD RECONSIDER THE MATTER CAREFULLY.

4. THE INFORMATION GIVEN TO THE CHARGE BY TZOUNIS OBVIOUSLY SUPERCEDES WHAT YANNOPOULOS TOLD THE BRITISH. WE WILL BE CHECKING WITH THE MFA AGAIN BEFORE OCTOBER 21 ON THE FINAL GREEK POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. MEANWHILE, INDEPENDENTLY, THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR IS ALSO SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT AT THE MFA TO DISCUSS THE KOREAN QUESTION WITH THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER.
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